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SUBJECT: EGYPTIANS SEEK TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH ITALIAN

COMMUNIST PARTY: COMMUNISTS SHOW INTERESTS IN MEDITERRANEAN
PROBLEMS

1. ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) DAILY L'UNITA ON JUNE 20
REPORTED THE DEPARTURE OF AN ITALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION
FOR EGYPT. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS REPORT, THE DELEGATION
INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES:
CARLO RUSSO AND CARLO FRACANZANI, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS;
PEITRO LEZZI, SOCIALIST, AND GIANCARLO PAJETTA, PCI.

2. COMMENT. ACCORDING TO A PCI SOURCE, THE VISIT TO EGYPT
IS PART OF AN ATTEMPT BY THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE
RELATIONS WITH THE PCI. ORIGINALLY, THE EGYPTIANS
INVITED PAJETTA, WHO IS THE MEMBER OF THE PCI SECRETARIAT
RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO VISIT THEIR COUNTRY,
BUT HE DECLINED THE INVITATION BASED ON THE GOVERNMENT'S
TREATMENT OF EGYPTIAN COMMUNISTS. SEEKING TO OVERCOME THIS
IMPEDIMENT, THE EGYPTIANS INVITED THE RANKING OFFICERS OF
THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSION OF THE CHAMBER OF
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DEPUTIES, OF WHICH PAJETTA IS A VICE PRESIDENT.

UTILIZING THE COVER GIVEN BY BEING A MEMBER OF AN
INTER-PARTY, PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, PAJETTA AGREED TO
MAKE THE VISIT TO EGYPT.

3. HIS CURRENT VISIT TO EGYPT REPRESENTS PAJETTA'S
SECOND JOURNEY TO A MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRY IN THE

LAST TWO MONTHS, THE PREVIOUS ONE BEING A VISIT TO MALTA. THE TRAVELS REFLECT THE CONFIDENCE WHICH THE PCI HAS DEVELOPED IN ITSELF AND THE ACCEPTABILITY WHICH THE PARTY HAS FOUND AMONG A LARGE NUMBER OF POLITICAL CIRCLES OUTSIDE ITALY. THE MEDITERRANEAN IS A NATURAL ISSUE OF INTEREST FOR THE PCI AND ONE WHERE THEY ARE BEGINNING TO HAVE SOME INFLUENCE GIVEN THE SUBTLE NATURE OF THEIR ANTI-GREAT POWER APPROACH. REGARDING PAJETTA'S RECENT VISIT TO MALTA, AN MFA SOURCE RECENTLY TOLD US THAT HE MADE ALL THE RIGHT NOISES IN HIS OFFICIAL TALKS, HINTING THAT PAJETTA CAUTIONED THE MALTESE AGAINST MOVING TOO CLOSE EITHER TO THE LIBYANS OR TO THE SOVIETS. GARDNER

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